

873—4.17(85,86,17A) Service of medical records and reports. Each party to a contested case shall serve all medical records and reports concerning the injured worker in the possession of the party upon each opposing party not later than 20 days following filing of an answer, or if not then in possession of a party, within 10 days of receipt. Medical records and reports are records of medical practitioners and institutions concerning the injured worker. Medical practitioners and institutions are medical doctors, osteopaths, chiropractors, dentists, nurses, podiatrists, psychiatrists, psychologists, counselors, hospitals, clinics, persons engaged in physical or vocational rehabilitation or evaluation for rehabilitation, all other practitioners of the healing arts or sciences, and all other institutions in which the healing arts or sciences are practiced. Each party shall serve a notice accompanying the records and reports identifying the records and reports served by the name of the practitioner or institution and date of the records and reports, and if served later than 20 days following filing of the answer, stating the date when the records and reports were received by the party serving them. Pursuant to 4.14(86), the notice and records and reports shall not be filed with the industrial commissioner. A party failing to comply with the provisions of this rule shall, if the failure is prejudicial to an opposing party, be subject to the provisions of 4.36(86). This rule does not require a party to serve any medical record or report that was previously served by another party in a contested case proceeding.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 86.8 and 86.18.